

34 Benchmarks	
SS.912.E.2.12	Construct a circular flow diagram for an open-market economy including elements of households, firms, government, financial institutions, product and factor markets, and international trade.
SS.912.E.1.1	Identify the factors of production and why they are necessary for the production of goods and services.
SS.912.E.1.2	Analyze production possibilities curves to explain choice, scarcity, and opportunity costs.
SS.912.E.2.5	Analyze how capital investments may impact productivity and economic growth.
SS.912.E.1.13	Explain the basic functions and characteristics of money, and describe the composition of the money supply in the United States.
SS.912.E.1.3	Compare how the various economic systems (traditional, market, command, mixed) answer the questions: (1) What to produce?; (2) How to produce?; and (3) For whom to produce?
SS.912.E.1.4	Define supply, demand, quantity supplied, and quantity demanded; graphically illustrate situations that would cause changes in each, and demonstrate how the equilibrium price of a product is determined by the interaction of supply and demand in the market place.
SS.912.E.1.7	Graph and explain how firms determine price and output through marginal cost analysis.
SS.912.E.1.6	Compare the basic characteristics of the four market structures (monopoly, oligopoly, monopolistic competition, pure competition).
SS.912.E.2.6	Examine the benefits of natural monopolies and the purposes of government regulation of these monopolies.
SS.912.E.1.5	Compare different forms of business organizations.
SS.912.E.1.8	Explain ways firms engage in price and nonprice competition.
SS.912.E.2.3	Research contributions of entrepreneurs, inventors, and other key individuals from various gender, social, and ethnic backgrounds in the development of the United States.
SS.912.E.1.9	Describe how the earnings of workers are determined.
SS.912.E.1.16	Construct a one-year budget plan for a specific career path including expenses and construction of a credit plan for purchasing a major item.
SS.912.E.1.14	Compare credit, savings, and investment services available to the consumer from financial institutions.
SS.912.E.1.15	Describe the risk and return profiles of various investment vehicles and the importance of diversification.

SS.912.E.1.12	Examine the four phases of the business cycle (peak, contraction - unemployment, trough, expansion - inflation).
SS.912.E.2.7	Identify the impact of inflation on society.
SS.912.E.3.1	Demonstrate the impact of inflation on world economies.
SS.912.E.2.1	Identify and explain broad economic goals.
SS.912.E.3.6	Differentiate and draw conclusions about historical economic thought theorized by economists.
SS.912.E.1.10	Explain the use of fiscal policy (taxation, spending) to promote price stability, full employment, and economic growth.
SS.912.E.2.8	Differentiate between direct and indirect taxes, and describe the progressivity of taxes (progressive, proportional, regressive).
SS.912.E.2.9	Analyze how changes in federal spending and taxation affect budget deficits and surpluses and the national debt.
SS.912.E.2.10	Describe the organization and functions of the Federal Reserve System.
SS.912.E.1.11	Explain how the Federal Reserve uses the tools of monetary policy (discount rate, reserve requirement, open market operations) to promote price stability, full employment, and economic growth.
SS.912.E.2.4	Diagram and explain the problems that occur when government institutes wage and price controls, and explain the rationale for these controls.
SS.912.E.2.11	Assess the economic impact of negative and positive externalities on the local, state, and national environment.
SS.912.E.3.4	Assess the economic impact of negative and positive externalities on the international environment.
SS.912.E.3.2	Examine absolute and comparative advantage, and explain why most trade occurs because of comparative advantage.
SS.912.E.3.3	Discuss the effect of barriers to trade and why nations sometimes erect barriers to trade or establish free trade zones.
SS.912.E.3.5	Compare the current United States economy with other developed and developing nations.
SS.912.E.2.2	Use a decision-making model to analyze a public policy issue affecting the student's community that incorporates defining a problem, analyzing the potential consequences, and considering the alternatives.